

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated November 6, 2000. Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11 and 12 of the application are pending. Claims 1 and 6 have been amended above to overcome the Examiner's objections.

The Examiner rejected all of the pending claims of the application as follows: claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 11 and 12 as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over Mardhekar in view of Smolinske (U.S. Patent 5,655,218); and claims 6 and 8 as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over Kataoka et al. (U.S. Patent 5,448,532) in view of Smolinske (U.S. Patent 5,655,218).

The Examiner's position is that the combinations of Mardhekar/Smolinske with respect to independent claims 1 and 6, and the combination of Kataoka/Smolinske with respect to independent claim 6 disclose the present invention. We respectfully disagree.

With respect to the rejections of claims 1 and 6 based on Mardhekar in view of Smolinske, the present invention discloses that the user of the present invention can travel with the apparatus to different time zones wherein the apparatus will receive the reference time of the time zone that the user has traveled into, which, as a result, will automatically adjust the apparatus to enable the correct local time of the selected city to be displayed without further user intervention. This virtually eliminates user intervention. In contrast, by combining Mardhekar and Smolinske, the resulting device is a world time clock with the current chronological information. Neither Mardhekar nor Smolinske, nor a combination thereof result in a world clock that receives current chronological information and uses that information as the reference time of the world clock function. The present invention includes this additional step of "calculating a local time...based

on...*a present location of said apparatus.*” If the device resulting from the combination of Mardhekar and Smolinske is relocated into a different time zone, it would display the incorrect time for the selected city without user programming to tell the Mardhekar and Smolinske device what time zone it is in. Neither Mardhekar nor Smolinske, nor a combination thereof, disclose this novel aspect of the present invention; that is, using the time acquired from a remote system as the reference time used to calculate a local time of a selected city based on the present location of the apparatus.

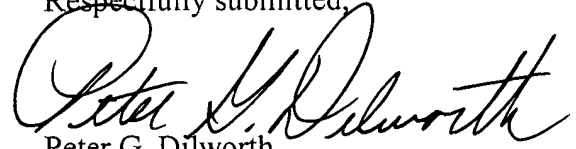
With respect to claim 6 a similar argument to that set forth above applies to the Kataoka/Smolinske combination. What results in the combination of Kataoka and Smolinske is a world time clock with the current chronological information. Again, this combination does not result in a device capable of “calculating a local time...based on...*a present location of said apparatus.*” Neither Kataoka nor Smolinske, nor a combination thereof, disclose this novel aspect of the present invention; that is, using the time acquired from a remote system as the reference time used to calculate a local time of a selected city based on the present location of the apparatus.

Amended Claims 1 and 6 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2-3, 5, 7-9, 11 and 12, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective amended independent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 2-3, 5, 7-9, 11 and 12 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11 and 12, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any

remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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